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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of David A. Potts

Date: May 10, 2004

Serial No. 10/053,311

Examiner: K. W. Mitchell

Filed: 1/17/2002

Art Group: 1724

For: Dewatering a leach field

Atty. Docket No. 2032

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is a response to the office action of December 10, 2003.

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time, for which fee payment of \$210 is enclosed. Please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-0711.

Please amend the specification as shown in the attached pages.

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached list of pending claims.

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates examiner's comments in paragraphs 1 and 2 but does not consider any action necessary. Examiner has in her search cited the two patents mentioned in the specification. Paragraph 3 has been addressed in the amendment to the specification.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claims 6, 9 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC 112, for indefiniteness. While said claims are canceled, the same issue can apply to the amended claims. Therefore applicant responds. The rejection asserts that something more has to be claimed, namely, that there be an accessing step, so as to cause flow from the conduit to the influence zone. Applicant appreciates that the claim should be complete but does not fully appreciate the examiner's point. If the following answer is not satisfactory, applicant would appreciate a telephone conversation with examiner with respect to how applicant might address the issue without adding unnecessary limitations.